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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit: 3724
Application No.: 10/803,275
Title: Hole Punch Having Elements With
Non-circular Cutting Surfaces
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED July 6, 2006

Mail Stop: Non-Fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 6, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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I. Introduction

This Response is in reply to a non-final Office Action mailed on July 6, 2006 in response to an RCE. The non-final office action has a shortened statutory period for reply of three months or October 6, 2006. This Response includes (1) amendments to the Claims and (2) a Request for a one month time extension under 37 CFR 1.136(a).